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To both Houses of
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My Lords and Gentlemen,



Came to Pass the Bill for
 Disbanding the Army as
 soon as I Understood it
 was Ready for Me.

Tho' in Our present
 Circumstances there ap-
 pears great Hazard in
 Breaking such a Number of the Troops,
 And tho' I might think My Self unkindly
 Used, that those Guards who came over
 with Me to your Assistance, and have
 constantly Attended Me in all the Actions
 wherein I have been Engaged, should be
 Removed from Me, yet it is My fixt
 Opinion, that nothing can be so Fatal to
 Us, as that any Distrust or Jealousie
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should arise between Me and My People ; which I must own would have been very unexpected after what I have Undertaken, Ventured and Acted for the Restoring and Securing of their Liberties.

I have thus plainly told you the only Reason which has induced Me to Pass this Bill, and now I think My Self Obliged in Discharge of the Trust Reposed in Me, and for My own Justification, that no Ill Consequences may lie at my Door, to tell you as plainly My Judgment, that the Nation is left too much Exposed.

It is therefore Incumbent on you, to take this Matter into your Serious Consideration, and Effectually to Provide such a Strength, as is Necessary for the Safety of the Kingdom, and the Preservation of the Peace which God has given Us.

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